COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company
for authorization and approval of the issue and sale of
long-term debt securities in an amount not to exceed
\$105 million in principal, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14,
and exemption from the competitive bidding requirements
of G.L. c. 164, § 15.

APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL

Please enter my appearance on behalf of Thomas F. Reilly, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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